



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/690,216

Filing Date: October 21, 2003

Applicant: Joseph A. Lang et al.

Group Art Unit: 3683

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Title: GOLF CAR HAVING DISK BRAKES AND FLEXIBLE BRAKE LINES

Attorney Docket: 3191E-000001/COG

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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47**

Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed January 22, 2004, please consider this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 and statement of facts set forth below.

Applicant hereby further petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Notice and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 with this response for such extension of time.

## **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

This statement is made as to the exact facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of the declaration by the nonsigning inventor for the above-identified patent application before deposit thereof in the Patent and Trademark Office.

This statement is being made by the available person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited therein.

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1.) The present application was filed on October 21, 2003 and is a continuation of USSN 10/087,461 filed on 3/1/02 and USSN 10/662,127 filed 9/12/03 which claims the benefit of USSN 10/206,266 filed 7/26/02 which is a continuation of USSN 09/846,031 filed 4/30/01, now U.S. Patent No. 6,457,568, which is a continuation of USSN 09/517,302 filed 3/2/00, now U.S. Patent No. 6,223,865 which claims benefit of U.S. Prv. SN 60/122,405 filed 3/2/99.

2.) Joseph A. Lang, Terry Lou Reese, James M. Criscuolo, and Bryan D. Bigsby are each co-inventors in the present application.

3.) Applicant has made several attempts to obtain signatures from James M. Criscuolo by sending correspondence to his last known address via regular mail and via

Federal Express, all of which have been returned due to the inventor no longer residing at the last known address. See attached Exhibit A.

4.) Applicant also performed an internet search for all Criscuolo's living in the United States and attempted to locate James M. Criscuolo via phone based upon the search. Applicant was unsuccessful in locating James M. Criscuolo.  
Also see attached Exhibit A.

5.) A copy of the unexecuted Declaration of the present application is enclosed herewith setting forth the last known address of James M. Criscuolo.

#### CONCLUSION

It is believed that based on the foregoing, the inventors of the present invention refuse to sign the Declaration or any other documents. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47 satisfies the outstanding requirements. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Aug 18, 2004

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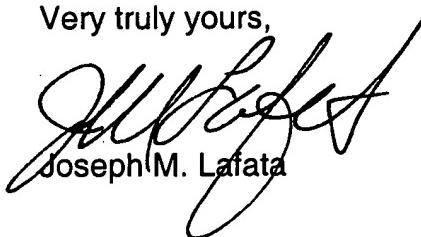
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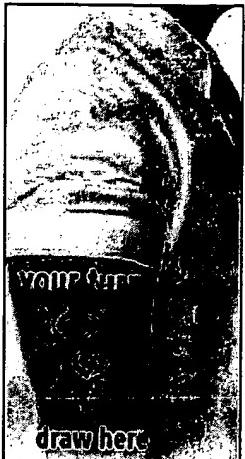
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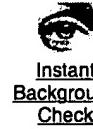
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